

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

The Official Action dated January 2, 2004 has been carefully considered and the following amendments and remarks are presented in a sincere effort to put this application in condition for allowance. By this amendment, Claims 1, 2 and 10 have been amended. Claims 11-21 remain withdrawn without prejudice pursuant to Applicants' October 22, 2002 Response to Restriction Requirement. Claims 1-10 are presently pending.